

Financial Report School Forum 20th January 2022

Introduction

The following report contains a detailed breakdown of the projected position of the Local Area for 2020/2021. The report enables members to note the outturn position and the significant factors contributing toward the spend. The report covers the following items

- Forecast outturn position 2021/2022
- Contextual information regarding Early Years Block
- Contextual information regarding Higher Needs Block
- Position and Recommendations

Forecast Outturn Position 2021/22

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities are currently forecast to **overspend by £3.325m**.

The following table details the main areas of both over and under spend. Many of these budgets are demand led and will be monitored during 21/22 and revisions reported accordingly.

Budget Heading	Budget	Actuals to date	Projected Outturn	Over / (Under) Spend
Early Years 2, 3 & 4 yr old payments – PVI's & Academies	£5.784m	£4.420m	£5.784m	£0
Early Years – ALFEY	£270k	£198k	£285k	£15k
Early Years – Pupil Premium & Disability Access Fund	£133k	£56k	£100k	(£33k)
Early Years – 5% retained element	£345k	£230k	£329k	(£16k)
Joint Funded Placements	£550k	£461k	£520k	(£30k)
Reclaim from ESFA of Early Years pupil number variations between 20/21 and 21/22 lower than anticipated.				(£11k)
Recovery of funding from schools for Excluded Pupils, Medical Tuition Service and Elective Home Education	(£250k)	(£99k)	(£162k)	£88k
Independent Special School Fees	£3.100m	£2.152m	£3.368m	£268k
Other packages for EHCP pupils and SEND personal budgets	£1.407m	£999k	£1.678m	£271k
Payments to / recoupment from other authorities for Special School places	(£260k)	(£145k)	(£230k)	£30k
Medical Tuition Service / Virtual School / Hospital Tuition / Vulnerable Students Team	£1.500m	£1.285k	£1.419m	(£81k)
School contingencies (Rates, planned pupil growth, NQT induction etc)	£308k	£255k	£267k	(£41k)
EHCP in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£340k	£869k	£872k	£532k
Special Schools / High Needs in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£600k	£437k	£500k	(£100k)

School Intervention / Commissioning (includes School Improvement Grant)	£145k	£67k	£96k	(£49k)
Business Support	£195k	£143k	£180k	(£15k)
Other – including Admissions, EAL / Travellers, Advisory Teachers, SEN contracts				(£103k)
Deficit DSG budget set for 21/22	(£2.6m)			£2.6m
Total – Forecast Outturn Position 21/22				£3.325m

The area of significant volatility remains the Higher Needs Block.

Early Years Block

The Early Years autumn headcount is currently being processed. This information will give us the latest position on uptake in the early years and projections of numbers moving forward.

A separate paper has been prepared on the allocation of the increased budget for Forum's consideration.

Higher Needs Block

Torbay continues to have a greater number of children requiring additional support up to and including a special school place than the funds available in the higher needs block can meet. Although the normal pressures on additional requests for support remains, the two areas with significant increase from October 2021 are listed below:-

Independent Special School Fees (rise of £68K from previous report)

The increase equates to one student where a new school placement has needed to be commissioned in the last month. This young person is accessing an out of area independent school.

Other packages including SEND (rise of £146k since previous report)

There has been a significant growth in the spend based on 30 bespoke packages needing to continue or be established for children that are no longer able to access mainstream education. These packages are with alternative providers, they are as a result of an extension to end dates on original contracts or as a result of new provision being required. Some of these packages are a consequence of schools not being able to recruit to key posts and vacancies.

The following table demonstrates the final position on the EHCP allocation of funding above £6k.

Reporting table on EHCP Allocation above £6k

The other area of growth can be noted in the comparator report below.

Education, Health & Care Plan Funding for 20/21 & 21/22			
	20/21	21/22	Increase / (Decrease)
Number of pupils with EHCP	470	463	(7.00)
Number of FTE's with EHCP	429	407	(22.00)
	£	£	£
Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements	2,554,879	2,426,210	(128,669)
Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil	2,122,040	2,206,696	84,656
EHCP Contingency	350,000	340,000	(10,000)
In-Year adjustments			
April	16,946	214,516	197,570
May	(104)	92,973	93,077
June	(11,737)	76,491	88,228
July	4,062	52,297	48,235
August	42,398	32,649	(9,749)
September	115,109	281,701	166,592
October	72,833	43,591	(29,242)
November	50,539	43,590	(6,949)
December	16,915	30,737	13,822
January	(11,583)	(11,583)	0
February	15,276	15,276	0
March	0	0	0
Total - In-Year adjustments	310,654	872,238	
Projected (underspend) / overspend	(39,346)	532,238	
Notes			
Based on April 21 - Dec 21 in-year adjustments, and the same allocation for the remainder of the financial year as 20/21, it is anticipated the EHCP contingency will overspend by		532,238	

Special School and other High Needs funding adjustments for 21/22										
	Combe Pafford	Combe Pafford	Mayfield School	Mayfield Chestnut	Mayfield Total	Brunel SEMH	Burton AP	B & B Total	Totals	Totals £
Number of places - January 21	262		231	32	263	56	55	111.00	636.00	
Number of pupils - January 21	255		225	32	257	50	50	100.00	612.00	
Number of places - September 21	262		231	32	263	56	55	111.00	636.00	
Initial Place led funding		2,620,000			2,630,000	560,000	550,000	1,110,000		6,360,000
Initial Pupil led funding		1,256,417			2,621,345	790,050	577,250	1,367,300		5,245,062
Initial pupil specific additional funding		40,134			71,198	60,270		60,270		171,602
Previously Teachers Pay & Pension Grants		172,920			173,580	36,960	36,300	73,260		419,760
Other funding - Outreach / 6th day provision / rent					289,174			0		289,174
Pupil Premium		140,515			168,830	32,470	35,335	67,805		377,150
Total initial funding		4,229,986			5,954,127	1,479,750	1,198,885	2,678,635		12,862,748
In-Year adjustments	Pupils	Funding £	Mayfield Pupils	Chestnut Pupils	Funding £	SEMH Pupils	AP Pupils	Funding £	Pupils	Funding £
April	257	91,257	228	32	24,375	51	51	27,346	619	142,978
May	257	(3,618)	229	34	50,238	54	53	64,619	627	111,239
June	253	(14,830)	228	32	(29,004)	54	56	37,196	623	(6,638)
July	252	(5,303)	228	31	(10,005)	54	35	(181,834)	600	(197,142)
August	252	0	228	31	0	54	35	0	600	0
September	269	65,829	233	31	27,146	51	32	(47,856)	616	45,119
October	268	(12,586)	232	30	(10,733)	50	34	3,645	614	(19,674)
November	267	(1,422)	231	31	2,173	48	36	(3,547)	613	(2,796)
December	263	(4,427)	231	31	0	47	38	2,430	610	(1,997)
January									0	0
February									0	0
March									0	0
Total In -year pupil / place led adjustments		114,900			54,190			(98,001)		71,089
Enhanced Provision (in-year changes in pupil top-ups)										26,370
Enhanced Provision (in-year increases in place numbers)										39,167
Excluded Pupils / 6th Day Provision (Sept - Dec) - Mayfield										38,000
Excluded Pupils / 6th Day Provision (Jan - Mar) - Mayfield										28,500
Occombe House - additional rent - Mayfield										12,336
In-year pupil specific additional funding		36,914			158,074			26,549		221,537
Total - In-Year adjustments		151,814			212,264			(71,452)		436,999
Special School / High Needs contingency budget										600,000
Current balance (under) / over										(163,001)

Position

The final outturn position of the Local Area continues to be of significant concern. The position remains volatile and continued actions need to be taken to try and mitigate spend.

The cumulative overspend of the DSG is now £5.826m

The projected cumulative outturn position at the end of 2021/2022 would be £9.151

Recommendation and Decisions

It is requested that Schools Forum:

1. Note the financial position and continue to work with the Local Authority through the mechanism of the Higher Needs Recovery Group to enact the financial recovery plan.

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